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SUBJECT: US CONCERN OVER GDR FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF
PACIFIC COAST

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM WASHINGTON STATE
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER GDR HERRING

FISHING ACTIVITIES OFF THE NORTHERN WASHINGTON COAST.
LETTER NOTES THAT HERRING ARE VITAL FOOD FISH FOR CAREFULLY
MANAGED FISH STOCKS IN NORTHWEST PACIFIC, INCLUDING CHINOOK
AND COHO SALMON. POLAND RECENTLY AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM
TAKING HERRING IN THIS AREA FOR ABOVE REASONS AND STATE
OF WASHINGTON REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS STRONGEST US
CONCERN TO GDR OVER ITS HERRING FISHING ACTIVITIES.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED TO WASHINGTON STATE FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT NOTING THAT WE SHARE CONCERN OVER THIS MATTER
AND WILL MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO THE GDR THAT IT CEASE
HERRING FISHING OFF THE PACIFIC COAST.

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DEPARTMENT WILL TRANSMIT FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO GDR
EMBASSY:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO A MEETING
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES HELD IN
WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 3, 1976.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS RAISED AT THAT MEETING WAS COOPERATION
AT THIS TIME IN THE CONSERVATION OF FISH STOCKS OFF THE
COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS CONNECTION THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE ITS SERIOUS
CONCERN OVER THE APPARENT DEVELOPMENT OF AN EAST GERMAN
HERRING FISHERY OFF THE NORTHERN WASHINGTON COAST.
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, TWO EAST GERMAN STERN
TRAVELERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A SPECIFIC FISHERY FOR
HERRING IN THAT AREA DURING DECEMBER 1975 AND EARLY
JANUARY 1976.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SHOULD
BE AWARE THAT HERRING SUPPORT CAREFULLY MANAGED FISHERIES
IN THIS COASTAL AREA, SERVING AS FORAGE TO MANY SPECIES
SUCH AS CHINOOK AND COHO SALMON. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
SPECIES IS SUCH THAT IT WAS RECENTLY ADDED TO A LIST OF
SPECIES THAT POLAND HAS AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM FISHING
OFF THE PACIFIC COAST.
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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE GENERAL CONDITION OF
GROUNDFISH STOCKS IN THIS REGION ARE IN A STATE OF
REDUCED ABUNDANCE BECAUSE OF OVERFISHING, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC INFORM APPROPRIATE GDR FISHERIES AUTHORITIES
OF U.S. CONCERN AND THAT THESE FISHING VESSELS BE WITH-
DRAWN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. END QUOTE.

4. COPIES OF AIDE-MEMOIRE AND ABOVE DESCRIBED
CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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